

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 05-6488**

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ANTHONY HOPKINS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

WILLIAM WHITE, Warden, Broad River  
Correctional Institution; HENRY MCMASTER,  
Attorney General of the State of South  
Carolina,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
South Carolina, at Columbia. David C. Norton, District Judge.  
(CA-04-1815-8)

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Submitted: June 9, 2005

Decided: June 17, 2005

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Before NIEMEYER and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Anthony Hopkins, Appellant Pro Se. Jeffrey Alan Jacobs, OFFICE OF  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Columbia, South Carolina, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Anthony Hopkins seeks to appeal the district court's order accepting the report and recommendation of a magistrate judge and dismissing his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000). An appeal may not be taken from the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2000). A certificate of appealability will not issue for claims addressed by a district court absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2000). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that his constitutional claims are debatable and that any dispositive procedural rulings by the district court are also debatable or wrong. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); Rose v. Lee, 252 F.3d 676, 683 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Hopkins has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED